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SUBJ: ZAIRE-US RELATIONS - ALLEGATIONS OF US INVOLVEMENT

IN ABORTED PLOT PERSIST

REF: KINSHASA 6097 (NOTAL)

1. WE WERE HASTY IN DISCERNING SIGNS OF OFFICIAL SHIFT AWAY FROM SEEKING TO IMPLICATE US IN COUP. DAILY ELIMA FOR JULY 6/7 CARRIES ARTICLE SIGNED YAMAINA MANDALA STARTING ON FRONT PAGE AND ENTITLED "OPINION " NEW MEN FOR THE REVOLUTION". ARTICLE ECHOES EARLIER CALL BY THIS PAPER FOR MAJOR HOUSECLEANING IN ALL ORGANS OF MPR. SAYS PLOTTERS, IN WHOM MOBUTU HAD PLACED ENTIRE TRUST, "ALLOWED SELVES TO BE LED BY YANKEE IMPERALISTS WHO TRY EVERYWHERE IN WORLD TO DESTABILIZE REGIMES THAT DO NOT GIVE THEM TIME TO EXTEND THEIR HEGEMONY". ARTICLE LATER REFERS TO PLOTTERS AS "AGENTS OF COUNTRY WELL KNOWN IN WORLD FOR ITS MANY CRIMES". IT CALLS FOR BRINGING NEW MEN INTO MPR POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY "WHO WILL NO LONGER ALLOW SELVES TO BE ATTRACTED BY THE MONEY OF THE AMERICANS".

2. FULL TEXT OF MOBUTU INTERVIEW OF JULY 3 BY FRANCE-INTER, CONFIDENTIAL

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BROADCAST HERE BY VOICE OF ZAIRE JULY 7, DOES NOT SUPPORT

IDEA CONVEYED IN PARA 1 REFTTEL THAT MOBUTU BACKED AWAY FROM ACCUSING US OF INVOLVEMENT. HE REITERATED EARLIER CHARGES THAT PLOT WAS ENGINEERED FROM ABROAD AND A FOREIGN POWER FEARED HE WAS BECOMING COMMUNIST. IN HIS REPLY TO NEXT QUESTION, AS TO WHETHER US WAS INVOLVED, HE DID POINT OUT (AS REPORTED REFTTEL) THAT HIS LETTER TO ELIMA HAD REFERRED SIMPLY TO A "GREAT POWER". BUT HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "I THINK YOU UNDERSTAND ME". INTERVIEWER THEN SHIFTED TO ANOTHER SUBJECT. CLEAR MESSAGE TO LISTENER WAS THAT US WAS INVOLVED BUT MOBUTU HAD DECIDED NOT TO SAY SO IN SO MANY WORDS.

3. OMER MARCHAL ARTICLE IN SPECIAL FOR JULY 2 IS ENTITLED "THEY WANTED TO KILL MOBUTU". IT SAYS THAT AMERICANS HAVE GROWN TO FEAR MOBUTU, AFTER HAVING EARLIER BEEN HIS FAITHFUL ALLY, BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN TAKING SUCH AN INDEPENDENT LINE AND HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY SPREADING GERMS OF "AUTHENTICITY" THROUGHOUT THIRD WORLD. WITH CUSTOMARY VAGUENESS MARCHAL COMMENTS NEAR END OF ARTICLE THAT ZAIRIAN FEELINGS PARTICULARLY HURT BY FACT THAT PLOT WAS ORGANIZED AS ONE WOULD ESTABLISH A CORPORATION, I.E., WITH CREATION OF CAPITAL, NAMING OF DIRECTOR, RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL TO DO THE JOB, AND WHEN JOB DONE, LIQUIDATION OF CORPORATION AND RECYCLING OF ITS AGENTS. NO DIRECT ACCUSATIONS MADE, BUT IMPLICATION OF US INVOLVEMENT IS VERY CLEAR.

4. DAILY SALONGO FOR JULY 6 AND JULY 7 IS SILENT ON SUBJECT OF PLOT, AS IS OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY (AZAP) FOR JULY 7.  
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